

February 2023

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Grace United
Methodist Church

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Training for Witness & Invitation (5 week study)

Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15

6:00-6:55pm (done before Choir) in Otterbein



As Christians, we are expected to tell others about the healing love of the Lord, his redemptive grace and to proclaim it to everyone we know. When you experience his amazing grace, you WANT to proclaim it to the world. You can't keep the excitement and passion for God's miracles hidden any longer. But how do we start to share the gospel... where do we begin? Those are questions we want to answer in the five weeks prior to the start of Lent, (which is Ash Wednesday). Here's a list of the things we will cover: "How to Put your Faith Story Into Words", "How to Create Opportunities to Share Your Story" and "How to Invite People to Hear the Good News."

Pastor Dan



Ladies of Grace Church

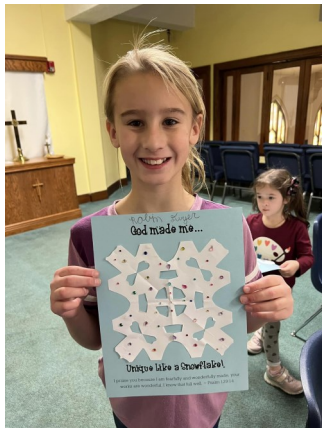
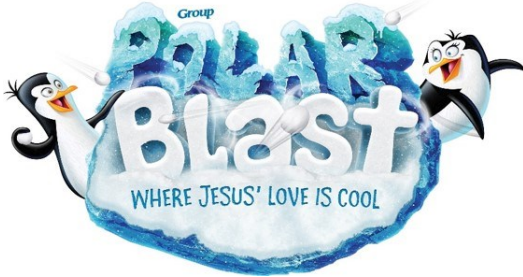


You are needed and wanted! A "Women of Grace" organization is being structured to replace United Methodist Women, which is no longer in existence within the United Methodist Church. The Women of Grace's goal is to continue the various ladies events, such as Maundy Thursday, as well as create new events for all women of Grace Church. Funding for Women of Grace events will be financed mainly through the funeral luncheon donations. Such events require the help of many generous women willing to donate food dishes, serve, clean up or pray. If you are not a Circle member, but would like to assist when needed, please contact the church office with your name, email and phone number. **Thank you, ladies of Grace Church, for your continued generosity and support!**



Blood Drive Thank You!

Thank you for supporting the Impact Life blood drive on December 29. We were able to surpass our goal with the collection of 20 units of blood and two plasma donors. Impact Life was very thankful, as it is difficult to collect enough donations during Christmas week.
~~ Karen Doy, Coordinator



Grace Church's first Winter Break VBS was a success with 26 children: ages 4 – 11 yrs. attending. Thanks to all who helped with food donations and prayers for two Christ filled days learning about Jesus – "Who will always love us!" A special thank you to **Gayle Barnes** for making the candy bar snow men for the last day, complete with hat and scarf. Another BIG thank you to **Joy Dwyer** who provided the inflatable polar bears & penguins for the foyer and the glacier backdrop for the opening & closing sessions.

I would especially like to recognize and thank those who were present during the two days of VBS to help in any way they could:

- Registration:** Jenna Rushing & Nancy Koster
- Opening & Closing Sessions:** Audrey Toone
- Bible Lessons:** Sandy French & Audrey Toone
- Kitchen:** Robin & Audrey Toone, Mark & Nancy Koster, Gayle Barnes & Valerie Shoemaker (who was also our last minute grocery shopper!)
- Games:** Jenna Rushing & Mark Koster
- Experiments:** Joy Dwyer, Mary & Jeff Orton & Riley Dwyer
- Crafts:** Mary Gorman
- Penguin Leaders:** Lisa Depies, Nancy Koster & Eliza Farley
- Polar Bear Leaders:** Margaret Hitzhusen & Mark Shoemaker

God is Good!
Jackie Mickley

We have 100+ photos from VBS - to see all of these fun pictures follow us on FACEBOOK (Geneseo Grace)



FULLY RELY ON GOD
FROG TIME

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 Methodist Church
 318 N Center St.
 Geneseo, IL

We welcome children
 ages 4-12 to join us
 Sunday mornings after the
 Children's Message
 during the 9am worship
 service to learn about The
 Bible, God's Love, and
 Jesus's Life.



GRACE **kids**



"I'm in the Lord's Army"





Pearl Circle Invites
you to join us for Breakfast & Fellowship
Sunday, February 5 following Worship

If you can donate a coffee cake or
breakfast casserole, please contact
Gayle Barnes: 309-944-3674



OWLS Lunch
Thursday, February 16
11:30am in Otterbein

PROGRAM

Guest Speaker, Annika Tunberg, Vice
President of Whitey's Ice Cream, Inc.
Hmmmmm maybe she will bring some
yummy treats with her??!! Sign up in the
lobby or call the office.

*heartfelt
Sympathy*



Family of Linda Chapman
Passed away December 30, 2022

Family of Ina Lowe
Passed away December 31, 2022

Family of Warren Clark
Passed away on January 14, 2023



- 01 - Gary Dahlquist, Lynne Haars
- 02 - George Farley, Dee Humphries
- 04 - Lorrie Snodgrass,
Emily VanDeWoestyne
- 06 - Tom Hitzhusen, Valerie Shoemaker
- 07 - James Mickley, Cal Venema
- 08 - Gayle Barnes, Daryl Rice
- 09 - Jeff Orton
- 11 - Kathy Tank
- 12 - Amie Blank, Audrey Toone
- 14 - Levi Neumann
- 15 - Michael Daniels, Lois Johnson,
Hannah Lohman
- 16 - Jerry Snodgrass
- 18 - Peggy Betcher
- 19 - Rachel Sheffler, Matthew Wentz,
Lynda Yoder
- 20 - Kaden Davison, Molly Neumann,
Dean Yoder
- 24 - Michael Emerick
- 25 - John Dwyer, Ron Neumann
- 27 - Bonnie Johnsen
- 28 - Emma Dunker, Betty Ernst



- 03 - Clarke & Gayle Barnes (61)
- 11 - Art & Sandy French (40)**
- 16 - Alan & Connie Yager (60)**
- 17 - Mark & Nancy DeFauw (33)
Jerry & Pam Snodgrass (44)

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

JANUARY 1-24
\$41,197.33
General Fund



Pastor Dan Seibert
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318 N Center Street
Geneseo, IL

Worship Sunday at 9:00am
Kids Worship (Ages 4-11)
Sunday at 9:00am

Sunday School:
Adult Classes at 8:00am
Men & High School Boys
at 10:00am

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Martha Anderson
Clarke Barnes
Matthew Bodeen
John Carlson
Jim Delk
Sharon Dixon
Ruth Ann Eaker
Evelyn
Larry Goodwin
Brenna (Betcher) Holke
Jim Larimer
Courtney Morrison
Bev Radue
Pat Rusk
Jann Sigwalt
Sally Swanson
Tosha Venema
Phyllis Wiese

Al & Gloria's child
Brant Betcher
Cara & Zane
Gary Dahlquist
Bernie DeKezel
Joey Eaker
John Espenes
Friend
Nikki Haars
John & JoAnn Knox
Joan Miller
Powell's brother
Rebecca
Marian Shelton
Paul Starr
Todd
Alana Wachtel

February 22
7:00pm



Thank You!

Thank you seems inadequate in response to your generous Christmas gift to us. It is a joy & privilege to share His music as we worship with our Grace Church Family.

God Bless,
Lynne & Becky

Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:

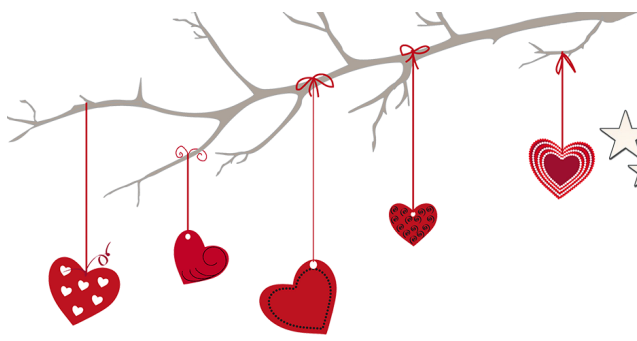
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| Greta Baugh | Mona Radue Claeyes | Joyce Criddle |
| Mary Lou Deane | Burdette Floming | Phyllis Keag |
| Dean Marshall | Linda Oertel | John Riggs |
| Sarah Stees | Rita Webb | |

Please contact Julie Dahlquist with prayer updates.



Food needs: juice, coffee, salsa, cereal, crackers

Non-food needs: dish soap, paper towels, garbage bags, Ziploc bags



February

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|--|-----------|---|
| <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>8:00am - Adult Sunday School Classes 9:00am - Worship, Sanctuary 9:00am - KIDS Worship 10:00am Men/H.S. Boys Class, Library</p> | | | <p>1</p> <p>9:15am - GUMDROPS, Otterbein 6:00pm - Training for Witness & Invitation, Otterbein 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>2</p> <p>6:00pm - Finance Committee Meeting, Albright 7:00pm - Church Council Meeting, Albright</p> | 3 | 4 |
| <p>5</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>Breakfast following Worship</p>  | <p>6</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p> | <p>7</p> <p>4:00pm - Book Club, Library</p> | <p>8</p> <p>9:15am - GUMDROPS, FIELD TRIP 1:00pm - Violet Circle, Albright 6:00pm - Training for Witness & Invitation, Otterbein 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> | 9 | 10 | <p>11</p> <p>1:00pm - Maple City Band Meeting, Library</p> |
| <p>12</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>4:00pm - Girl Scouts, Otterbein</p> | <p>13</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel 9:00am - Library Committee Meeting, Library 6:00pm - Opal Circle, Chapel</p> | <p>14</p> <p>9:00am - Pearl Circle, Chapel</p>  <p><i>Valentine's Day</i></p> | <p>15</p> <p>9:15am - GUMDROPS, Otterbein 6:00pm - Training for Witness & Invitation, Otterbein 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>16</p> <p>11:30am - OWLS Lunch, Otterbein</p>  | 17 | 18 |
| <p>19</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> | <p>20</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p> | 21 | <p>22</p> <p>9:15am - GUMDROPS, Otterbein 7:00pm - Ash Wednesday Service</p> | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| <p>26</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>4:00pm - Girl Scouts, Otterbein</p> | <p>27</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p> | 28 | | | | |